



New location for Development Services Center

## One Stop For Businesses: New Development Services Center

Beginning Jan. 24, several city functions opened for business at a newly remodeled facility located at 333 N. Rancho Drive, designed to bring development services under one roof to make it easier for customers to do business with the city of Las Vegas. The Planning and Development Department, Building and Safety Department, Fire Prevention and Land Development Division of the Public Works Department will be open for business at the new Development Services Center. Regular hours of operation will be 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The City Engineer, Public Works and Field Operations administrations and Business Licensing are scheduled to move into the facility over the coming weeks.

Until now, the different development functions had been spread over several city facilities, primarily at a facility located on Fourth Street. The city will save \$1.2 million annually when that facility is vacated and employees move to the new Development Services Center. This includes the monthly lease for the building, parking lot and taxes.

The new Development Services Center was designed to be a "one-stop-shop" for the development community. The city has been working for more than a year to restructure the development review process to more effectively meet customers' needs.

## Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!

Despite the struggling economy, downtown redevelopment continues to generate new construction and permanent jobs in Las Vegas. In Fiscal Year 2010, which ended on June 30, **completed** redevelopment area projects created **1,144 construction jobs** and **1,924 permanent jobs**. These projects were **valued at \$311 million**. The Redevelopment Agency (RDA) also saw several projects under construction in 2010 that will result in **4,678 construction jobs** and **1,886 permanent jobs** for projects **valued at \$1.1 billion**.

The Redevelopment Agency's Fiscal Year 2010 In Review report is on the Redevelopment Agency's website at [www.lvrda.org](http://www.lvrda.org) under "Major Projects."

The report highlights the accomplishments of the RDA over the last year. The RDA Board of Directors is made up of the **Las Vegas City Council**, with **Mayor Oscar B. Goodman** serving as chairman.

Among the highlights of calendar year 2010 is the exciting announcement that **Zappos.com, Inc.** will occupy the current City Hall site with plans to build a corporate campus bringing 1,000 jobs to downtown and additional future jobs with its planned expansion. The City Hall building is scheduled to be sold to the Resort Gaming Group; city staff will move into a new City Hall in 2012 at First and Clark streets.

In addition, the **Cleveland Clinic Lou Ruvo Center for Brain Health** opened during Fiscal Year 2010. The Frank Gehry-designed building is the home to world class physicians and researchers treating Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and ALS.

In the **Fremont East District™**, the city saw the opening of four new venues, adding to the growing energy that is leading to major companies such as Zappos deciding that downtown Las Vegas is the place to be.

Finally, work continues on major projects such as **The Smith Center for the Performing Arts**, the **Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement** and the **Neon Boneyard Museum**.

## Helpful Websites...

Wondering what's happening downtown? Want to be in the know about the latest developments, new business openings and up and coming events? Here's the still-growing list of websites to keep you up-to-date on downtown Las Vegas, Symphony Park, the cultural corridor, events and more!

### Economic Development

<http://www.facebook.com/lvbusiness>  
<http://lvrda.org>  
<http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/OBD>

### Symphony Park

<http://www.symphonypark.com/about-symphony-park/the-heart-of-downtown>  
<http://www.symphonypark.com/arts-and-events/arts-organizations>

### Culture and 18b Arts District

<http://artslasvegas.org>  
[www.thecitylv.com](http://www.thecitylv.com)  
<http://www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org>  
<http://www.lvartsandculture.blogspot.com>  
<http://www.culturalcorridorvegas.org>

### Fremont Street Experience

<http://www.vegasexperience.com>

### Fremont East District

<http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/7589.htm>

### Downtown Business

<http://www.downtownlasvegasalliance.com>

### Museums

[www.themobmuseum.org](http://www.themobmuseum.org)  
[www.neonmuseum.org](http://www.neonmuseum.org)  
<http://www.lvnhm.org>  
<http://www.ldcm.org>



The new home for the Discovery Children's Museum is under construction in Symphony Park. More details are available at: [www.ldcm.org](http://www.ldcm.org).

Photo: June Johns



The Neon Boneyard museum's new home is taking shape. It is scheduled to reopen to the public in July 2011. More details are available at [www.neonmuseum.org](http://www.neonmuseum.org).

Photo by June Johns

## OBD Name Change

The Las Vegas City Council will be adopting a name change for the city's Office of Business Development (OBD). The proposed new name, **Economic and Urban Development Department (EUD)**, will better communicate the organization's functions and accomplishments. In addition, it reflects the department's incorporation of 13 employees, who formerly worked for the city's Neighborhood Services Department. These employees oversee and manage local, state and federal grants used to provide public services, develop public facilities and support affordable housing for low income Las Vegas families. The majority of grants are received from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of entitlement funding. These grants are used to operate numerous programs such as youth education, literacy, job training and English proficiency, as well as homeless services and shelter, senior nutrition, rent assistance and new construction of affordable housing and community centers, to name a few.

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